# MINUTES OF THE SENATE JUDICIARY, LAW ENFORCEMENT, AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE STANDING COMMITTEE FEBRUARY 8, 2005

# Room W130, West Office Building, State Capitol Complex

Members Present: Sen. D. Chris Buttars, Chair

Sen. Patrice M. Arent Sen. Gregory Bell Sen. Mike Dmitrich Sen. Mark B. Madsen Sen. L. Alma Mansell Sen. David L. Thomas

Members Excused: Sen. Lyle Hillyard

Staff Present: Jerry Howe, Policy Analyst

Jeanne Wride, Committee Secretary

Public Speakers Present: Jennifer Boone, Citizen

Erica Thorn, Rape Crises Center

Ron Gordon, Utah Sentencing Commission Mark Shurtliff, Utah State Attorney General

Gayle Ruzika, Utah Eagle Forum

Sonia James, Citizen Sandra Rodrigues, Citizen

Ken Wallentine, Utah Law Enforcement Legislative Comm.

Jonas Filho, Citizen

Sylvia Haro, Utah Republican Hispanic Association

Maryann Christensen, Utah Eagle Forum Paul Boyden, Statewide Prosecutors

Jonas Rodrigues, Citizen

A list of visitors and a copy of handouts are filed withthe committee minutes.

Chairman Buttars called the meeting to order at 8:05 a.m.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**MOTION:** Sen. Mansell moved to approve the minutes of February 1, 2005.

The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Dmitrich and Sen. Thomas absent for the vote.

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## 1. <u>H.B. 55 DRUG OFFENSE PENALTY ENHANCEMENTS</u> (Rep. B. Dee)

Rep. Dee presented the bill to the committee.

**MOTION:** Sen. Arent moved to pass H. B. 55, as amended, out of committee with a favorable recommendation.

The motion passed with Sen. Dmitrich and Sen. Thomas absent for the vote.

# 2. <u>1ST S.B. 177 INCREASE STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS ON RAPE</u> (Sen. E. Mayne)

Sen. Mayne presented the bill to the committee.

Jennifer Boone, victim; Erika Thorn, Utah Rape Crises Center; and Ron Gordon, Utah Sentencing Commission, spoke in favor of the bill.

**MOTION:** Sen. Mansell moved to pass 1st. Sub. S.B. 177 out of committee with a favorable recommendation.

The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Dmitrich absent for the vote.

### 3. S.B. 181 CRIMINAL CODE AMENDMENTS (Sen. Karen Hale)

Sen. Hale presented the bill to the committee.

Mark Shurtliff, Utah State Attorney General; Sonia James, Citizen; Ken Wallentine, Utah Law Enforcement Legislative Committee; Sylvia Haro, Utah Republican Hispanic Association;

Paul Boyden, Statewide Prosecutors; and Ron Gordon, Utah Sentencing Commission, spoke in favor of the bill.

Gayle Ruzika, Utah Eagle Forum; Sandra Rodrigues, Citizen; Jonas Filho, Citizen; Maryann Christensen, Utah Eagle Forum, and Jonas Rodrigues, Citizen, spoke in opposition to the bill.

**MOTION:** Sen. Arent moved to pass S.B. 181 out of committee with a favorable recommendation.

The motion failed with Sen. Mansell, Sen. Buttars, Sen. Thomas, and Sen. Madsen voting against.

**MOTION:** Sen. Mansell moved to adjourn.

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The motion passed unanimously.

Sen. Buttars adjourned the meeting at 10:05 a.m.

Minutes recorded by Jeanne Wride, Committee Secretary

Sen. D. Chris Buttars, Committee Chair